

IN THE CLAIMS

## 1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a first system management application, of a set of system management applications for managing a host system including a second system management application, determining if an unprocessed record is present in a system event log by obtaining exclusive use of the system event log (SEL) stored in a non-volatile memory location of the host system, while preventing the second system management application from accessing the SEL concurrently;

the first system management application obtaining an a first identifier corresponding to an unprocessed record, the first identifier for the unprocessed record of the SEL being derived from a second identifier stored in an identifier (ID) file in the non-volatile memory of the host system indicating a previously processed record of the SEL, the ID file storing the second identifier being separated from the SEL; and

the first system management application retrieving the unprocessed record from the SEL corresponding to the obtained first identifier;

the first system management application performing a predetermined operation on the host system in response to the retrieved unprocessed record from the SEL; and

the first system management application storing the first identifier in the ID file after the predetermined operation has been performed and determining the next unprocessed record.